

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masahiro MACHIDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2174

Application No.: 09/810,534

Examiner: P. KE

Filed: March 19, 2001

Docket No.: 108973

For: OPERATING METHOD AND DEVICE, AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the March 28, 2006 Office Action, and in consideration of the June 22 personal interview conducted with Examiner Ke, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and Remarks.